

FOSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Captain Isaac Paine School
160 Foster Center Road
Foster, RI 02825

Tuesday, March 25, 2014
Open Session – 7:15 PM

1. **Convene Meeting** – on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 7:15 pm, Chair, Kathleen Swanson, called the meeting of the Foster School Committee (FSC) to order.
 - a. *Roll Call* – all members were present: Mrs. Swanson, Chair, Ms. Pezza, Vice Chair, Mr. Cervasio, member. Also present were Superintendent, Caroline Caswell, and FSC secretary, Helena McCullough.
 - b. *Pledge of Allegiance* – was recited by everyone in attendance.
2. **Public Comment** – there was no comment.

At this point, Chair, Mrs. Swanson, moved Executive Session later on the Agenda.
3. **Vote to go into Executive Session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a) (2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation – Educational Support Personnel and Foster Teachers’ Association.**
4. **Building Use Requests** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC approved the request for the Foster-Glocester Regionalization Sub Committee to hold a “Forum on Regionalization” on Thursday, April 10, 2014 in the library from 7:15 pm to 9:15 pm. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
5. **Approval of Minutes** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Open and Executive Session Minutes with a slight correction on the Business Manager’s report. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
6. **Approval of Warrants** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Warrant dated 3/10/2014 batch run March Bills for \$167,611.67. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
 - a. *Business Manager’s Report* – there was no report this month.
7. **Old Business (for discussion/action)**
 - a. *2013-2014 Budget* – this item will no longer be on the agenda unless there is a need.
 - b. *2014-2015 Budget* – Chair, Kathleen Swanson, updated the FSC by letting them know that the Town Council has not approved the school’s budget yet.
 - c. *Facilities Update*
 - 1) Well Flow Test – The well flow test the FSC asked for is scheduled to be done on 3/31/2014.

- 2) Outside Issues – Mr. Cervasio wondered if the PTG could be approach to consider devoting some of their funds to lime and fertilize the field in back of the school.
- 3) Town Charges – there was discussion and the expenditure of \$180.00 for Public Works employees will be paid for roof snow removal.

- d. *Capital Projects* – this item is still on hold.
- e. *Foster / Glocester Regionalization* – Mrs. Swanson informed the FSC that there is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2014 here at the school for “Form on Regionalization”. An invitation will be extended for the teachers to attend.

8. New Business (for discussion/action)

- a. *April FSC Meeting – Reschedule* – the FSC rescheduled the April 22, 2014 meeting to April 29, 2014 due to the date falling during Spring Break.
- b. *Personnel – Leave of Absence* – this item was tabled on a Cervasio/Pezza motion. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
- c. *2014-2015 Calendar* – on a motion by Mr. Cervasio and seconded by Ms. Pezza, the FSC approved the 2014-2015 calendar (the calendar usually follows the F/G Regional calendar). At the Region the calendar has not been finalized due to parent teacher conferences being finalized. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
- d. *Bid Award – Wireless Classroom Initiative RFP* – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the bid through the RFP approved at RIDE for the company H.U.B. at the elementary schools for wireless in the classrooms.
- e. *NECAP – Presentation* – Mrs. Danusis, Principal, presented NECAP scores.

9. Communication/Reports

- a. *Correspondence* – FSC was given copies of letters, there was no discussion.
- b. *Principal's Report* – Mrs. Danusis gave the NECAP report.
- c. *Superintendent's Report* – Dr. Caswell reported that the PARCC will be given to the fifth grade the first week of May in the written version. Kindergarten registration was held earlier in the evening with 9 students being registered for next fall. The Consolidated Resource Plan, CRP, needs to be started and planned. She is looking to next month to begin the report.

10. Future Agenda Items –

- a. Personnel – Leave of Absence.
- b. Well Flow Test results
- c. 2014-2015 Calendar
- d. ESP Contract – Fiscal Impact Statement

At this point the FSC went into Executive Session on a Pezza/Cervasio motion at 8:24 pm. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

The FSC reconvened Open Session, with Mrs. Swanson reporting that Collective Bargaining and Litigation for Educational Support Personnel and the Foster Teachers' Association was discussed but no votes were taken.

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC voted to "Seal" the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

11. **Adjournment** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC voted to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena McCullough
Secretary Foster School Committee